

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 5, 2019

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, Dec 1

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent, during which we anticipate the coming of Christ. We read from Matthew 24, in which Jesus promises that the Son of Man will return in power and glory at the end of the age. We considered how this seemingly otherworldly prediction can actually help ground us in the midst of social and political turmoil in our time.

### This Sunday, Dec 8

On the second Sunday of Advent, we will be reading Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12, which both describe the same future reality from radically different perspectives. This forces us to consider what we are really saying when we pray for peace and justice on earth.

### Next Sunday, Dec 15

Next Sunday (12/15), we will be celebrating the third week of Advent. Frank Kandel will bring the sermon.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00am Sunday School

Sun, Dec 8 – Congregational Budget Approval Meeting, 12noon

Mon, Dec 9 – Roving Office at Della Leva Espresso Bar, 8220 E 106th

Wed, Dec 11 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Sat, Dec 14 – Christmas Banquet

Mon, Dec 16 – Roving Office at Southeast Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St

Thurs, Dec 19 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible study, 7-8

### Thank you for meals

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of our family during baby Roselle's recent hospitalization for RSV. It was a scary time for us and we are grateful for your prayers. Roselle came home on Monday afternoon and is continuing to improve. We also thank you for the delicious meals that were brought to us – it was such a help to not have to think about cooking!

With gratitude,  
The Martinez family

### Christmas Banquet, Dec 14

Caroling @ 5:30

Appetizers @ 6:15

Meal @ 6:30

Menu: Potato Bar, salad, pie

There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer for pumpkin, apple, or pecan pies. Looking forward to a lovely evening!

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships  
Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

### Adult Schedule

December adult education sessions will focus on vulnerable children, remembering that Jesus was born in a place that was dangerous for children.

12/8 Olajawon and Coralyn Turentine will share about foster parenting

12/15 Jeanne will share about being a child advocate

### Devotionals available

Please find 10 copies of Dec-Jan-Feb. "Our Daily Bread" down on the mailboxes.

Help yourself!!

Mary Albrecht

## OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

### Indiana Solar Congress

Join solar supporters from across the state to learn and discuss the current solar landscape and future for solar energy in Indiana. The day will include a series of presentations about solar technology and policy topics as well as ways to get involved with helping to grow solar in Indiana. Mike Wigginton will be part of the presentations. The event is free and breakfast and lunch are provided.

Saturday, December 7

9:30am – 4pm

Englewood Christian Church

57 North Rural St.

Indianapolis, IN 46201

### Sharing Space

Relief kits are the focus for the Sharing Space in December. Contents (NEW items only):

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 29in x 60in)
- 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8in)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (min 40, assorted)
- Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, min 28 pads total)

## ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

### Powered by Light

Wednesday, Dec 4 was the first day of full sun since our solar panels were installed and we generated 163 kWh of power. Our average daily use is 95 kWh of power, so we have contributed power into the IPL grid. [This link has been](#) added to the Shalom website on the [Administration Commission page](#) and displays a variety of information detailing the energy production happening on our own rooftop.

## Reflections On Pilgrimage

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